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Budget Blunder: Women's Hockey No More...



Eagerly awaiting the next season, the 2001-02 Viking women's hockey team pose for their year end picture.

by Ashley Collins

The fate of the Viking Women's Hockey Team came as a shock to players, students, and faculty. The relatively new but successful team had approximately 25-30 students interested and thus affected by the late decision to cut the team. Budget problems were becoming serious and as the newest team, it was the first to go. Augustana has not known the elimination of other sports teams in the past, and therefore came as a surprise and shock to anyone involved -

-see "hockey" pg. 3

Who knew? Tuition still rising...

by Canadian Association of University Teachers
Students continue to pay more and governments pay less to support post-secondary education, according to Statistics Canada's annual survey of university finances released on September 16, 2002. Student fees accounted for almost one-

fifth of total university revenue in 2000/2001, up from under 12% a decade earlier. At the same time, the share of university revenue from government sources dropped from over 68% in 1990-1991 to under 55% in 2000-2001. In Ontario and Nova Scotia, universities

now receive less than half of their funding from public sources- the rest coming from fees, private grants, and contracts.

In 2000/2001, despite strong growth in the economy, funding from all levels of government rose just 2.8%, the smallest increase since 1997/

1998. Federal contributions rose by 16% on the strength of new research funding, but provincial contributions- which funds the core operating budgets of universities- grew just 0.5% in 2000/2001, following a 13.5% decline in 1999/2000.

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October is Breast Cancer month

by Diana Coumantarakis

Picture nine women who are close to you, people you either respect or love. Now realize that in their lifetimes, one of them is going to be diagnosed with breast cancer. Not everyone who is diagnosed will die, but some will. I wonder why then, if the rates of breast cancer aren't decreasing at all, why there isn't a larger focus on finding a cure or better prevention. Medical problems which face women primarily receive less funding and research than other conditions. In a society that proclaims that men and women are equal, how does this happen? Or considering that women account for more than half the population... An interesting thought.

- see "bancer" pg. 4

Welcome Week Welcomely Welcomes Welcomed Students



Students Alissa Davidson, Mandy Lehman, and Nicole Hannay take a time out from their duties to eat

marshmallows? off a string at the Camrose Community Connection carnival on Sept. 4, 02.

- by "the editors"

Another year has started and the events of the first couple of weeks have now passed us by. The residences are packed full this year with new freshman and the rest of us, who just don't know why we keep coming back. Welcome Week began with an annual event: Camrose Community Connection. This year it was achieved with a fun carnival full of great events put on by

Residence Life. It was a memorable day for many. Camrose Community Connection is designed to help bring Augustana closer to the city of Camrose and vice versa. Without a doubt, it succeeded this year. At the end of the carnival, Augustana joined the Camrose community for a barbecue put on by our wonderful and ever exuberant cafeteria staff.

The day ended with The Freshman Complex heading over to "Tabb Lanes" for some bowling and inter-floor mingling.

The ever memorable Freshman Talent Show succeeded again this year. All the floors put on a great show and provided us all with entertainment for an evening.

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Bovine of the Month

SA Page

YOUR STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION

Thank you O-team for all your help

on Freshman move-in day!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out at the Bash working the door and doing security!

Thank you students for not wrecking the CRE!!

There were no damages therefore

we are allowed back!

THE SA ELECTION

And, the results are...

First year rep:

Marina Agafonov	68 votes
Kara Harding	72 votes
Chelsea Thompson	65 votes

Second year rep:

Becky Schroeder	90% voted yes
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Third year rep:

Lyall Collins	82% voted yes
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Off-Campus rep:

John Muhlbach	56 votes
Mark Maina	47 votes

International rep:

Stanley Mberia	100% voted yes
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Board of Regents rep:

Jen Beyer	87% voted yes
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Vice President Internal:

Christina Belshelm	171 votes
Diane Carter	99 votes

Thanks to everyone who came out to vote,
and to all the candidates: you did a great job!

Do you want **formal** this year?

Are you willing to be
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Didn't think so. Formal needs some doctoring. The scaffolding is condemned. The tarps are in shambles. Volunteer count is at an all time low. If you want formal then YOU need to do something NOW!

Bring your written solutions to **F207**.

Shauna Littlefair, your VP External

Now that I've been paid, here's what I've been up to: These last four and a half months I've done many exciting things, so let me tell you all about all the crazy antics that this still single VP External did over her summer that pertains to the Students' Association (all other activities that took place over the summer not pertaining to the SA I will not be sharing through the Dag, but hey, who knows it could be on the radio?). So let's get right to it, what has the SA been up to, I bet by now you're wondering! Over the summer I attended two conferences for A.C.T.I.S.E.C. (which if any of you know what A.C.T.I.S.E.C. stands for come up to my office-F207- and I will gladly give you a prize!). At these conferences I learned a lot but I will be writing an article devoted to this experience so I won't take up time now. It's sort of a funny situation since most of the VP External things will have to do with this group but I'm not going to write about it so I don't spoil the surprise of my next article! Since there was no one who ran for VP Internal I took on their responsibilities and put together O-team (and they did an exceptional job, thank you all for your help). First Class Bash and all the other little things that this position has the pleasure of doing! Of course I couldn't do none anything without all the volunteers who helped out at with O-team, who stayed all day at registration and worked at the Bash-thank you all, you are

great! As for work pertaining to my own position I have a great team hired to work on ASA media including two Dag editors, a yearbook editor, a radio manager. I do however have an open spot for a advertising coordinator if you are interested, you can apply in F203. I'm expecting great things from this media team over the year so watch out! For those of you returning you may notice a few changes at AUC such as the closure of the coffee house, the absence of the woman's hockey team and that AUC is now offering Spanish to more then just rural exchange students. I would like to point out that the SA did all they could to prevent the first two and promote the last. It's hard to make a difference at this school when we as students don't get to vote at board meeting where decisions like this are made, but I am sure there is an article already addressing this issue with more facts and vigor-but if you caught the Camrose Canadian over the summer the ASA pres did have an article published expressing the SA's feelings. That's basically all I am going to say in this article. I hope I have not answered any of your questions so that you will make your way up to my office and banter me about how crappy my article is-if I can get you to go up to the top floor of Faith & Life for even a dreadful reason at least I can sleep at night knowing that one more student has found where F207 is! Hope to see you soon, Shauna Littlefair VP External

What the heck is A.C.T.I.S.E.C anyways!?

Have you noticed that on all the Augustana Students' Association stuff it says 'ASA is a proud member of ACTISEC? What is that anyways, what is the Ass. Spending my funds on now?! I know what ACTISEC stand for-granted I am on council-but I think it's time we all knew. ACTISEC stands for Alberta College and Technical Institute Student Executive Council (quite a mouth full really). Basically this is a council made up of Alberta schools who together lobby the government regarding things like tuition increases and transfer ability between institutes. As the VP External I have the pleasure of dealing with all ACTISEC related issues. On October 4th I will be hosting ACTISEC awareness day in the Quad. There will be free cookies and free green cups with hot chocolate or juice depending on the weather. It will be a fun-filled day with all kinds of questions answered so come out!

Shauna Littlefair
VP External

The fate of the Vikings Women

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-by Ashley Collins

The Augustana Vikings Women's Hockey Team first came into being the year of 1998/1999. Students were displaying interest and started a club guided by a student coach. The following year, the girls became an organized team participating in tournaments supplied with partial funding by Augustana. Faculty voted in the spring of 2000 to make women's hockey a school sponsored activity. The next year they became an active team displaying lots of promise. Last year, however, they failed to make playoffs. Yvonne Becker, athletic director, felt the team was "successfully integrated" from a group interest to eventually a successful school team.

Players as well as students saw the decision to cut the team as a complete shock. They weren't the only ones. "It is a huge blow to us... It came completely out of the blue," said Becker. She was not given slight indication until May 11, 2002 when she received a phone call that the cut had been advised. She immediately met with the board, presenting valid reasons the cut was unacceptable. Many school application deadlines are early spring, so the majority of the girls were left with little option. Most of the girls were given athletic scholarships so discovering at this point that that would become unavailable was unacceptable. As well, women's hockey is a rapidly growing sport, and

dropping out at this point would make it difficult to be able to play competitively in the future. Augustana was forced to declare Manifest Hardship to the A.C.C. and would be expected to pay a one thousand dollar deposit in order to become a member again. Strong opposition to the cut was faced in the meetings to follow. Strangely enough, the vote passed unanimously end of May. Initial reactions to the cut were in relation to gender equity. Women greatly outweigh the men on campus. One of the reasons women's hockey was integrated was to balance opportunities for women in sports. Despite the greater number of women, men are still presented with more athletic possibilities. Balance was achieved with the integration of women's hockey but now that the team has been cut, women are treated unfairly. Also the fact that women's hockey was cut opposed to men's or another male sport creates equity issues on campus. Were there other reasons besides budget issues? And if not, why was a woman's team the first to go? "We've worked so hard for equity, and now it's gone," said Becker. The decision has created feelings of anger and disrespect among students. Administration failed to meet with players or coaches, and President Husfloen failed to meet with the team despite numerous requests. Kristi Piebiak, Students Association Presi-

dent, feels respect was the biggest issue. "They didn't treat the players or students with any respect... They let us speak, but in the end it didn't seem to make any difference in their decision. I left the meeting frustrated and very unsatisfied. We felt they forgot they were here for the students." Another question raised is the lack of a student vote, when the decision directly affects the students. Piebiak feels "... they don't have to give us one, so basically they just don't want to give us one." She also felt that although "they didn't like to make the decision, they didn't look very much into other avenues of saving. They didn't want it, but still voted for it." While a \$403,000 deficit is a large problem to face, students feel the situation was handled poorly. Students at Augustana pay one of the highest rates of tuition opposed to those in Manitoba and Quebec, so why is anything being cut? A "profit before students" attitude is reflected by the decision and the board has failed to be accountable to their decision. Both students and administration now question the future of school sports as well as enrollment. The reinstatement of women's hockey would be "difficult to process. Trust has been lost," Becker said. She feels they are working hard to maintain the loss of other sports, and will do everything they can to prevent another. "Women's hockey is missed", she ended.

PENALTY: TEAM ADMINISTRATION, TEN MINUTE MAJOR AND SEASON SUSPENSION FOR SLASHING OF AUC WOMEN'S VIKING HOCKEY TEAM

-by Rebekah Halushka and Jacqueline Akerman
I, Rebekah Halushka, sit here pondering the past three years which I have represented and committed myself as a Women's Viking Hockey Player. We, the Women's Viking Hockey Team, have seen all three seasons with heart, pace, and power. The amount of effort and determination this team has made during the past seasons has made our program a great success. The cutting of our team's hockey program still comes as a shock, and many questions remain unanswered. The decision of Augustana's Administration has left me remaining as the last person that has seen all three years of the program, and the last one to acknowledge the hard work of the players of the past. I remember every goal, penalty, shot, tear, fracture, stereotype, coach, and success that has made us a team. This reality has not been easy and my question is how did this happen? With the greatest pride, I remember each player stepping out every game and touching Viking ice, representing the school that they thought believed in them. They worked so hard; they stood for not only a female hockey team but a representative of the growing opportunity for women in sport in our country. One of our many questions is why did you allow us to dream, commit, and represent ourselves in a cause that we thought that you supported? Why did you take away the beginning of a program that can only be successful and bring more opportunities to women in Alberta? Maybe because you were not there the three times a week that our team woke up for

our five o'clock am warm up runs and six o'clock practices. The three times a week that we came together as a team, supporting each other, and becoming what you expected us to be: good leaders, setting good examples by focusing on the improvement of the program that you helped start. However, you will never know the extent of our loss because you were never there in the dressing room where our dreams started or in the crowd to cheer us on. I, Jacqueline Akerman, was so proud of our team. I was proud of our endless passion for the game we loved. I was proud of our commitment to improve as a team, as people, athletes, and students. We battled together for common goals and dreams, and we finished the season victorious! I could not wait for this year, we had a team of increasingly wonderful people, and athletes... we were going to shine! I loved practicing and being part of the team. We shared smiles, tears, and so many friendships. Each game we encouraged and supported each other. We were proud to wear the Vikings Jersey for our school. We were proud to be Vikings, and now that pride is slipping away. It slips further and further away with each poor and negative action that comes from President Husfloen, David Dable, and the rest of the Augustana Viking when the leadership has no use or care for me? Why would I lift the colors of the school high when the Administrators are tainting the image and core values of our school and athletic programs?

-please see "Vikings" pg.7

The SA's Letter to the President

-by Kristi Piebiak, President of the Augustana's Students Association

Hello, fellow students. I would like to inform you that the SA did not sit idly by and let the women's hockey team pass into the night. This is a copy of the letter that I sent to President Husfloen and all the administration after I attended the board meeting at which they decided the fate of 25-30 women. Please be advised that although the SA and faculty spoke up against the decision, in the end it meant nothing as we did not have a vote. That's right, the student's did not have a vote in the decision that directly af-

fected them, thereby allowing the vote to be unanimous. Also note that I did not get a reply from any of the six letters I sent...

Dear President Husfloen: This letter is in regard to the present situation with the Augustana Women's Hockey Team on behalf of the 25-30 students who are directly involved and the rest of our Association, who are indirectly involved. These students who comprised the Augustana Women's Hockey Team now find themselves in a precarious position. As they were not informed of the Board's decision until May 30, they were left in limbo. The deadline for applications to many schools had past (as most of the deadlines are early spring) and many were in jeop-

ard of losing their \$250 deposit to AUC. This situation is not acceptable. These women were not aware that the possibility of losing their team was apparent. They were left in an unfair position and left to make some tough decisions without any support from their institution. As an Association we are severely disappointed that the Administration chose to deal with this issue in such an unpleasant manner. We do not appreciate that our students are being treated this way by the institution they chose to attend. We cannot help but feel that this is not a positive message to be sending forth to your students and the general public. The students are the institutions main source of revenue and the sole reason AUC exists and has become such an excel-

lent institution. Please don't forget that the students are a powerful body and they deserve some respect. They are people, not just numbers. The decision that was reached at the Board of Regents meeting was much more than a budget issue. People's lives were greatly affected and their trust in the institution they were planning on attaining degrees from lost. We urge the Board and Administration to have some accountability to the students and ask that they meet with the students directly affected, their families and coaches. This gesture would show these women that the decision that was made was not made with total disregard to their well being and schooling career. We feel this gesture should have been made well

before May 30 and the students were put into the situation they now face.

We feel this is a large issue. AUC will not be receiving good publicity over this situation and a drop in enrollment can be expected. We remind you that AUC's goal is to increase enrollment. We feel that with the practices demonstrated thus far, this goal is unattainable. I would like you to note the Augustana SA's displeasure with the way our members were treated. I also extend our services as an advocacy group and offer any assistance needed in bringing the two parties together for discussion of this issue and in bringing the matter to a close with all parties validated if not satisfied.

Sincerely, Kristi Piebiak

Breast Cancer

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Cancer is a scary disease. It is hard to determine what the cause is, or how to stop it. It seems to have affected most people in some way. October is a time for people who are affected by one type of cancer. As you go about your way in October, you may notice people wearing pink ribbons. In the past, you may not have given this much thought but now I hope that you will think about a few things.

Women should know the value of a self breast exam. In the shower, or lying down tends to be the easiest. There is a challenge for some feeling comfortable in doing so, but there is so much at stake. I am thankful for two healthy breasts that accompany my healthy body. As I do my best to take care of the rest of

my body, I wouldn't want to neglect one area simply because of feeling timid. This isn't always a task that has to be done on your own. If you have a partner, someone who is that intimate with you, they should also feel an obligation to ensure your health. If they notice a difference in your breasts, that they feel confident to tell you.

Early in October there is a 'Run for Cure' which is a run to raise support for breast cancer research and awareness. There will be runs in Edmonton, Calgary and Red Deer which people can register for through any CIBC. So, as October goes by I hope you think about pink ribbons. I hope that you think about women you know and think about supporting breast cancer research. And I hope that you take care of your bodies.

Afghanistan Before and After September 11

-by Joanne Brownlee

Before 09/11, the majority of the people in Afghanistan were starving and struggling to survive. Afghanistan is suffering from a severe drought and the vast majority of the crops are burnt up. Radios, televisions, newspaper, and the Internet had been outlawed by the Taliban. Many of the people did not even know what the World Trade Center was. Humanitarian relief from the United Nations was being sent in to aid the people of Afghanistan. In the aftermath of Towers falling, people did not know when the aid would start up again or if it ever would. Millions of refugees fled the country; approximately four million people fled to neighbouring

Pakistan. Efforts are underway to return the refugees home. With the help of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), people are returning home to rebuild their villages and their lives. The government in place is working very hard to rebuild the country as rebuilding Afghanistan will not happen overnight. The United States and Saudi Arabia have both promised \$80 million and \$50 million, respectively, for road infrastructure. Plans are also in the works for an underground gas pipeline. This idea has been around for years, but had to be put on the shelf due to Taliban terrorist attacks and instability within the country.

Construction is proposed for mid-2004, after a year-long study will have taken place. Officials believe that this will generate much needed revenue for the war-torn country. The country, on the other hand, is far from being the land of the free. Terrorist attacks and suppression of human rights, especially to women and girls, is still prevalent. Some groups in Afghanistan do not support the government in place. Karzai, the leader of the Afghanistan government, relies on the United States and other countries for security and aid. The opposing groups believe that only a true Muslim government can be put in place when the United States and its allies leave.

Tuition Fees On the Rise Again

-by the Canadian Association of University Teachers. Most of Canada's university students will have to dig deeper into their pockets to pay for tuition fees once again this year, according to the latest survey of fees released by Statistics Canada. In the 2002-2003 academic year, undergraduate students will pay an

average of 4.1 per cent more in fees than in the previous year, the biggest jump in three years. From 1990-91 to 2000-01 average undergraduate tuition fees increased by 135 per cent, more than six times faster than the increase in inflation recorded over the same period.

"Canada's universities are in danger of returning to their elitist roots as tuition fees spiral out of control," said CAUT president Victor Catano. "As a country, our university admissions must be based on ability not wealth. We need to attract the best and brightest, not just those that can

afford the sticker price." Average undergraduate fees are on the rise in six provinces: PEI, Nova Scotia, Ont., Alta., and BC. The largest fee hikes will be in NC, at 25.2 per cent, where earlier this year the provincial government ended a seven-year tuition freeze. "These massive fee hikes

have created a crisis in accessibility," said Ian Boyko, national chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students. "Students from low and middle income families are already less than half as likely as other Canadians to access post-secondary education." - see tuition pg. 10

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CAUT president Vic Catano says this lack of core operating funding is critical because it is driving up tuition fees and eroding the quality of education.

"Universities" are being starved of the public funding they need to carry on their core functions of education and non-sponsored research," Catano said. "Without core public funding, tuition fees will rise, fewer faculty will be hired, library holdings will be cut back and buildings will continue to deteriorate."

In terms of expenditures, Statistics Canada reports that total university spending for 2000-2001 rose 5.3% to \$15.3 billion. Spending on salaries and benefits rose 4.5%, but as a share of total expenditures have continued to decline from 66% in 1992-1993 to 58% today. The largest percentage increase in spending was for buildings, up over 30%. However, when adjusted for inflation, capital expenditures are still lower in 2000-2001 than in 1993-1994. University spending on scholarships and bursaries increased sharply, up nearly 200% since 1990-1991. However, scholarships and bursaries still make up a small portion - just 3.6% - of overall expenditures.

"Universities have been spending more and more money on scholarships and bursaries," Catano noted. "But this hasn't come near to offsetting the high cost of tuition. The best way to ensure greater access to all qualified students is to keep fees low in the first place. The only way this can be done is through increased funding."

Catano added that the recent data shows that Ottawa has significantly increased funding for research, but that the low levels of provincial funding reveals it must also play a greater role in supporting the core operating budgets of universities.

A solution to Augustana's woes?

- by Jason Diduck

Since returning to campus, students have been discussing the recent cuts made by the Administration. It is important for this university to remain fiscally responsible to the students, staff, and the community of Camrose. However, instead of finding ways to reduce spending, the Administration should have looked at ways of increasing revenues. No, I am not suggesting that tuition should be increased- tuition is high enough already without further increases. Yet Augustana has a wonderful resource that is not being used.

A space on campus that is just waiting for a chance to shine. This place is a comfortable setting for students of all ages. I am talking about the Coffee House. I am aware that the Coffee House is now closed but what I am proposing is changing the Coffee House from what we all knew it as. I feel Augustana should seriously consider and look at the possibility of allowing the sale of alcohol in the Coffee House. As Augustana is a dry campus, the consumption of alcohol would strictly remain in the Coffee House.

The Coffee House could serve coffee, burgers, and sandwiches during the day while serving up pints of drafts or shots of amaretto to students who want to take a study break at night. Like it or not, students will drink whether they are allowed to drink on campus or have to go to the nearest pub. Most students would welcome the change in walking distance or would enjoy not having to pay cab fare if they could simply head over to the Coffee House. This could also be very profitable to the University reducing the need for

further budget cuts. A bar on campus has the potential to generate enormous amounts of revenue. Times have changed and I feel that Augustana seriously needs to consider this option. Augustana is constantly growing and has the potential for further expansion. The administration had its reasons for making Augustana a dry campus, but things are different now. I urge the administration to consider this alternative solution and look for ways to increase revenues without increasing fees or making further cuts.

Better late Than Never, Huh?

- by Daniel Francoeur

Augustana is a small University College, based in a conservative rural setting- a community with strong traditional and spiritual values. It attracts students from all over the province, country, and even the globe to pursue academic excellence and athletic greatness. However, there is still something missing on campus, aside from women's hockey.

Augustana is missing a place for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgenders to feel welcome and accepted. Over the last 20 years, Augustana has made some steps towards a more accepting and open campus. However, these steps have either been through the administration or the church. Steps need to be taken where students are concerned. Students need to feel that it is okay to express their sexuality and be open about it. No longer should students feel that they have to hide who they are or pretend to be somebody, or something, that they are not. Augustana is an institution of learning, so why can't we learn to be open and

accepting of others; to respect their choices and make them feel proud to be who they are, rather than ashamed.

Augustana needs a space where people feel safe and comfortable to get together to discuss issues, gather info, or even just hang out. However, for this space to work, people need to realize that there is nothing wrong with being gay. People need to come to this space, otherwise it would

of their sexuality. I also urge students who are closeted, questioning their sexuality, or who are gay, to get in touch and form a support group or talk to one of the many willing and available people on campus. Campus ministry and the counselors are wonderful resources that are there for your use. Nothing is ever accomplished, through silence!

FACTOID

According to ancient Jewish superstition, walking beneath a camel induces forgetfulness, as does eating mouse-nibbled bread. Spiced wine and soft-boiled eggs, however, enhance memory and learning.

-Taken from The Old Farmer's Almanac 2003

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A Casino...in Camrose?

-by Ramy Salama

The first question I asked myself before writing this column was whether this was an issue relevant to the Augustana student body. Most of us are residents enough to know where Old Cinema and Wal-Mart are (or at least to say these names to a cab driver), but are we really members of this community? Then it struck me that it might be misleading to speak of a unified body of Camrosians, for more than just the stock reasons, and that it would be more accurate to speak of at least two Camroses. First, there's Old Camrose, a conservative small town-cum-retirement community that would most likely reject the very idea of a casino on spiritual grounds. Then, there's New Camrose, and if you don't know what I mean by this, I urge you to take a drive (it's a bit of a walk from Augustana...and everybody

knows that no one walks to New Camrose) down 48 Avenue and past the mall. New Camrose is Wal-Mart, and it's Superstore, and the fact is that it's no different from any other such place in North America, except that it happens to be here. Then there's the Augustana students, and it's a bit misleading to talk about this group separately because, let's face it, we're a minority here. Even so, we don't fit into either the Old or the New Camrose, and our perspective counts if only to ourselves. Regardless of the results of the plebiscite on the 23rd, we as a group will not necessarily 'win'. If Old Camrose has its way, we have one less thing to do on a weekend. If New Camrose wins, we earn the right to hand over yet more of our limited financial resources to Big Business. But have I not veered off the topic somewhat? Not really,

because in my view, the fundamental issue at hand in this Casino debate is not "do wet or don't we want an economically flourishing Camrose?", or even "what about them Indians who'll come in by the busload from Hobbema?", but rather the definition of a community: "is Camrose Old Camrose, or is it New Camrose?" Directly, the impact of this issue on us is negligible. It might or might not mean a new job, or less non-gambling-allocated money. On an abstract level, though, we can learn from this debate that in the place in which we find ourselves, and as a group, we need to know who we are and what we want: we need to collectively define our Augustana community. Otherwise, our own interests will be ignored amid shouting matches between such better-organized groups as the Old, and the New Camrose.

Bash of The Bash

As a Christian attending this Lutheran University I was outraged by the first class bash thrown by the school. It was no more than a giant party and it was a terrible example for all students that attend Augustana. The liberty to drink is a privilege and one that should not be

taken lightly. Many students were obviously not mature enough to handle their privileges, let alone their alcohol!! For a school to advertise itself as being Christian and then prove to be nothing more than a drunk tank is not only incredibly sad, but downright dirty dealing.

Most people love a good party, but if you're going to advertise to be a Christian school stick within religious parameters and follow morals instead of exploiting drunkenness and other poor judgement choices that follow!

-disgruntled Christian

The G/S Alliance

There is a marked void of support for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Trans-gendered (GLBT) students and staff at Augustana University College. While many media present a view that gay and lesbians live openly and securely everywhere, this reality has not come to rural Alberta. The realities of living in the closet are sobering and oppressive. They are detrimental to student academics, to student health and they serve to inhibit the free expression of ideas upon which universities are founded. Further, the closeting experience often causes many young people to lose their faith. They are often faces with the question: How can I be gay and Christian at the same time? We believe that openly supporting GLBT members of our congregations will strengthen them. Current writings in Christian ethics present a strong case for the integration of openly gay congregation members. The purpose is not to bring homosexuality to the church, but rather to allow all church members to feel loved and supported for who they are. My objective is to initiate a program that brings heterosexual and homosexual groups together at Augustana University College. This program's principal goal is to promote learning

between all the members of the Augustana community. Furthermore, my recommendation is to institute a Gay/Straight Alliance social group where students would be allowed a forum to discuss the challenges in breaking down the barriers between the homosexual and heterosexual communities. Part of the group's mandate would be to perform community services in order to show that it is possible for both communities to work together towards a common goal. This would become key in breaking down outdated views of homosexuals in the community of not only Augustana University College, but also within the community of Camrose. In terms of participation, you are more than welcome to contact me via email at livelifelucid@hotmail.com. In the subject heading, please put G/S Alliance. Please note that I am not looking for additional comments or for any feedback as to why a group should not exist. Rather, I am sincerely looking for those who are genuinely interested in making a change and also to those who wish to simply expand their horizons. This program I wish to initiate would be independent of school support. So those who are interested, please email me.
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I want our pride back; I want you the Administrators to admit your mistakes, then back away and allow others to restore the pride that you stripped from us all. We would like you to be the administration: President Richard Husfloen, David Dahle, Tim Hanson, Mark Chytracsek, Ray Hook, and Silvana Vukojecic to step into our skates, put on our helmets, and play the game that you refereed. Imagine that each of you is on summer vacation. You have done everything that was required of you to be ready for the upcoming school year in order to make it a success. Imagine the many hours that you have put into planning programs, and schedules, the endless meetings, and commitment. Now imagine that while you are enjoying your vacation you hear rumours that Augustana no longer has a need for you. Everything that you have been promised, the guarantees that have been made have been cut short due to upper mismanagement. Then you hear from an associate that you are fired, your position is no longer wanted or needed. How could your employer that you have worked for treat you so coldly and informally? You then proceed to call Augustana for the answers that you are looking for and find out yes, you have been terminated. You later read in the local newspaper that the institution was quoted as saying that they "are in the best financial position they have ever been in." Moreover, that you should be comforted in that they said, "it was an exceedingly tough and painful decision there wasn't a single person in

the administration or on the board of regents who wanted to do this." (President Richard Husfloen). Are they feeding you a load of crap? If they did not want to do it, you ask yourself, why did they do it. Although they stated that it was an exceedingly tough and painful decision, when you try to get a meeting, the president states that he is either too busy or it is not his area of responsibility. He suggests that you go and track down someone else to get the answers that you are looking. Although he was involved in the decision. Meanwhile while you are frantically trying to find another job, it is so late in the year no one is looking for administrators and many of the deadlines for employment have passed. You are left wondering if you will have enough money to make it through the year. Then Augustana sends you a joke of a supplementary assistance bonus, which is only a fraction of what you should have been paid. They believe it will be sufficient to shut you up. (They do not want any questions or have to explain anything to you.) Then Augustana has the nerve to tell you they would really like it if you would come back and support their institution but not as an employee. So my question now is, how do you feel? Do you feel a sense of loss and frustration? Everything that was promised to you, the people you expected to see in the upcoming year will not be there. The commitment that you have given to your occupation does not matter; you are nothing but a number. Now you have seen just a little of what my team went through during the summer. Unlike you,

we are still faced with the reality that we may never see our teammates or our coaches again, and now must struggle to find funds to pay for our tuition. Our hours of commitment and determination are gone; everything that we have worked so hard for is gone. So how does the game feel to you? Would you hang up your suit jackets so easily, and feel that you have not been cheated? Well, we will not hang up our jerseys so quickly. Not without being heard, not until we get back what we deserve, and most definitely not without a fight. Many of the players, in search for answers, called President Richard Husfloen to arrange meetings. Continually they were faced with "I'm on vacation, I'm too busy, or go and talk to someone else." Not once did he even attempt to set up a meeting with anyone of these players. To us, he does not sound like a leader who cares. I, Rebekah, decided that I would arrange a meeting with him. I got it by walking up to his office and not telling the secretary who I was. Maybe he is only "busy" when hockey players are around. Remarkably, he was not busy at the time. When I entered his office, I introduced myself as a hockey player and he seemed a little confused as to why I was there. He opened the conversation by stating how incredibly sad he was that the program was cut, and that he had been one of the main supporters of our team. How many games did you come and support, Mr. Husfloen? If supporting means slashing, what kind of game are you playing? We at Augustana have to seriously question the competence

of our leadership and what our tuition is paying for. How could the Administration go through the year oblivious to the substantial financial downfall? Then, in a two week panic, hastily cut many valuable programs: the hockey team, classes, coffee house, seasonal teachers, and more, all the while still increasing tuition? Were we not warned? Did they forget our names and faces? Guess what students... we all just turn into numbers like every other university. This goes against everything President Husfloen and the Administration brag about, in order to separate Augustana from other secondary institutions. At the recent ASA sponsored forum, we again did not get answers to our questions. They continuously dodged around the truth. The avoidance of issues during this meeting so closely relates to the incompetent handling of Augustana's budget and financial responsibilities. Did the administration really listen and do what ever they could to avoid cutting our program? What about gender equality, the ratio of women on campus far outweighs the number of men. Yet, they are offering more athletic opportunities for male athletes. Did they consider our dreams or the promises they made, did they consider all the hours and years of work we put into our program? We call all students to now ask questions. What is your program worth and what will they cut next as they could not guarantee that others would not be cut. When they do cut something else, will you be properly informed? Make sure you are aware of your rights and fight to get back

the quality in your programs that you deserve and need for your future. We will continue to battle for yours and our programs. We will fight for justice on behalf of our coaches: Lorie Horne, Sonya Isaacson, Steve Cormier, Len Frankson, and Damian Fenton. They spent countless hours forming our skills in life and on the ice. We will fight for Lorie who lost her job, time, and years spent of passionate dedication to create a group of hard working and successful Vikings. We will have perseverance in seeking answers for the teammates who are no longer here. We will work for those who put such passion and vision in creating a women's hockey team at Augustana, including the endless dedication of Joelle Motuzas and our Athletic Director Yvonne Becker. We will fight for the blood, sweat, tears, and self-funding of the 1998 first year hockey players that gave so much of what they believed into this school, that would later not believe in them. We the remaining team and the would-be first year players are fighting for all of us that are still here, looking for answers and a place to play the sport we love. We will also battle hard for the up and coming, the young women and girls that are so deserving of the chance to play university hockey.

This was our Augustana Vikings Women's Hockey team cheer: Eins, Zwei, Drei, TOGETHER! This is not the last time you will hear it because it is all only beginning. We will stand together as a hockey team, and with all the students of Augustana, until we see justice for all of us.

From Mackie...

Welcome to our newspaper, or rather, our newspaper. We hope you like it, hate it, and read it. Let me first explain why I decided to take on this laborious and mostly unrewarding task as Co-Editor of the *Dag*. I'm a sadist. Yes, that's right, personal anguish gives me perverse sexual pleasure. I enjoy sleepless nights of frustration, pen-eye gouging madness coupled with typing educated vomit and stomach ulcers due to email exertion (that last one was a bit of an exaggeration but the others are true I swear). In all "honesty" I feel that the newspaper can make a real difference in the short existence we share called Augustana. Don't get me wrong, I don't want everyone to hold hands and start singing Kumbaya after reading the first page. The influence I wish to wield is aimed at our collective and individual awareness, and the relationship

between the two for that matter. Every time one thinks, writes, or speaks an idea, things get better. (That rather grand unsubstantiated statement works on at least one defensible level. Moving on...) Do I want to change (Yikes!) things? In so much as to provide the atmosphere and tools that could catalyze the ideas that lay just beneath the surface of our everyday lives: YES. Call me idealistic, but I believe that every person has the ability to influence those around them. The press does so on so many different conscious and unconscious levels. Above all, this paper provides a voice that implies the possibility for both massive and miniscule change. The pre-Socratic philosopher Heraclitus said, "Justice is conflict and everything comes to pass through conflict." Mix it up! Tell the MAN how you feel! In no

way am I proposing a World War but I am proposing Augustana war, so long as the battle field is paper and the casualties ideas; why not writes of their print? The awareness I wish to promote is a process; an exchange. The emotion, shoot when you see the controversy, expression, and questioning found within these pages inspire. With all due respect, it is a good time to be the editor of this school newspaper. People are telling others how they feel, what is going on, and who they are. That is how communities form. That is also how people become aware of life. (It life) is both a continuum a state of being. It gives, it takes, and it grows. I encourage everyone to contribute to life. By the way, I can't spell.

Three lines for free By no one in particular...

Things I like about Augustana: the citron type smell of the halls at night after the cleaning staff mops up.

The sense of fear mixed with urgency and anxiety knowing that my program could get cut at any second and I would find out about it three months later by mass email.

Green gym doors.

That washroom right by the coffee house with the shiny toilet seat covers, you should see how shiny they are- you could even see your reflection in them...

Who do you think would win in a fight: Richard Husfloen or Becky Haulushka? (Richard gets the use of his cane and a jar of Cheezee Whiz and Becky has no arms.)

Whenever I don't know where I'm going I always get this feeling that I'm forgetting something...

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Welcome Week

The newest boy band "Three white guys and a moustache" performed their latest hit song "don't be a hater just hop in my car" at the Welcome Week festivities. This picture was taken by the Dag paparazzi at their private bowling alley in Camrose just prior to their customary post-performance group-shower.



Third West won "Most Stuff" category in the Bigger and Better scavenger hunt. The carpet they got is currently being employed in my living room. The overall winners, some guys, won everything by getting a car "donated" to them by some helpful trailer park inhabitants. Bless all the trailer park inhabitants of the world and their old cars:)

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Muscle stole the stage this year and first west stole the show with a rendition of the "Grease" medley. It was definitely a sight to see with the last scene of the infamous "kiss." Congratulations, first west, you did a great job. Second place was won with an interesting rendition of "Lord of the Dance."

Second East put their dancing talents to work and showed us all how it was done. Third east played up their floor theme, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, and took us all back to our childhoods to take third place. Another round of great dancing, nonetheless. So, first got first, second took second, and third went home third. Freshman made fools of themselves, and we're left to look forward to next year when the next round of freshman take their beating. First Class Bash took place on Friday, Sept. 6 and was, as usual, a success. It was a great time for all and for one of the first times, no damage was done to the CRE, so we are allowed back! That sure came as a shock...

The annual "Bigger or Better Scavenger Hunt" was put on my Campus Ministry and all the floors that participated came back with some more junk to throw in their floor lounge. Hats off to third west who, collectively, managed to bring back enough stuff to fill, and run, a house. But the winner this year went to a group of guys from First East who brought back a piece of rust that resembled a car... no, wait, it really was a car. Good job, guys.

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C A M P U S

Hello friends, it is I, Robb-with-two-"b"s, here to bring you the very first, collector's edition, soon to be award-winning but already classic installment of the Campus Min updates.

Thanks to everyone who made Koinonia Week a success! You may fear that after the tie dying, ultimate frisbee, scavenger hunt, and wassail along with the occasional Humpty Dance we may have exhausted all of our ideas but we still have more than a few more up our yellow fleece sleeves. Here's a preview of some of the things to come this semester, the small group led by your friends and mine, Campus Min!

Accomplished Andrea Godziuk and Distinguished Dana Kiemeny have changed their ways and have decided to use their talents for the common good this semester in the form of *Utenils and Outlets*. This small group meets Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. and aims to bake, frame (in the artsy, non-criminal sense), do crafts and generally have fun in ways legal in every province and territory of Confederation ending in "a" or "n." Dapper Derek Kilbourn will be uniting literacy with literary discussion (a clever ensemble) to bring you *Books of Faith*. Meeting every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Faith and Life lounge, everyone is invited to come to introduce literature (in any form, comics too!) which has helped make you who you are. Just don't bring *Green Eggs and Ham* because I have already called dibs on that one. Dynamic Diana Coumantarakis, whose name in Greek is Diana Coumantarakis, is once again leading a *Spirituality and Justice* group. Co-conspirator Jovial Jessica Bulger will be co-leading the group, a mighty fine arrangement in my book. Meeting every second Sunday, from 6 to 8 p.m., you can join in on the potluck followed by a gamut of activities including movies, letter-writing campaigns, and more! Also stay tuned for the Mosaics Film Festival later this year!

Although I received many autographs on my Prison Ministry sign-up sheet, my *Grief Counseling Group* page was not graced by even a single signature.

Those who weren't interested and didn't sign up can find something else to do, while anyone who would have liked to put their name down but didn't get the chance are invited to drop by the Campus Min office (F&L 216/219) or by the offices of Dawn Kilarski or Barry Vall if you would like to talk to someone. I will be leading a benevolent band of volunteers to help out at the Food Bank sometime soon. Stay tuned for further news as it develops.

Stylish Susie Bruneau will be bringing peace of mind to all those left sleepless by the eternal question, "What is Sesame Street's Linda saying?" *Signing with Susie* will be meeting weekly. Not only will you be able to learn conversational sign language but how to "sing" along with songs! Sign up now! Buffs of Campus Min trivia are aware that Classy Kyla Sawden's name is absent from the hallowed ranks of small group leaders. Don't despair, we're not allowing her talents to go to waste! In addition to organizing and leading worship at Rosealta, Stony Creek and Rosehaven once a semester, she also serves as Augustana's Sacristan, which means she's in charge of the sacristy and not a breakaway republic of the former Soviet Union.

A big welcome to Dashing Darryl Dewalt, our new University Cantor! He's on the prowl looking for people to sing and play instruments during Chapel, so come to the Campus Min offices for more info or to sign up! He's

also conducting Augustana's very own Liturgical Choir, which meets Tuesdays from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. in the Chapel, and all are welcome! Jazzy John Anderson, our interim pastor, continues to do a bang-up job. Not only is he doing an outstanding job of filling in for the Peerless Pastor Lyle, but he even put his own health at risk, ignoring his allergies, in order to silence my taunts to sample some wassail (hot spiked apple juice. You didn't know, did you?). *Note: neither this academic institution nor its clubs endorse the endangering of one's health in order to appease pushy Campus Min people trying to hock warm beverages, although it wouldn't be all bad for certain members of the faculty, staff or student population to give wassail a try! We know who you are, and we'll get you later this year!*

Remarkable Robyn Simpson Mohr, the brains behind the operation, continues to put out fires and keep everyone in line. In addition to her clerical duties and lay-ministry she is able to find time for the odd elbow to the ribs of her son. That's right, be sure to come to chapel on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:00 to enjoy morning worship, chapel snack and the occasional barb at Josh's expense! She'll be setting up a meeting for those who signed up for the Campus Ministry Council, a small student committee which will shape and evaluate the Campus Min program. Anyone else inter-

ested? Please contact Robyn at 679-1536 or drop by F&L 216. That's it for this month. For further details visit the Campus Min office (F216/F219) or check out our bulletin board outside of the Chapel. See you in chapel

(daily, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 a.m. and Tuesday at 5 p.m. for soup, bread and discussion of a hot topic, and Thursday at 5:00 for Holy Communion) and/or in our small groups! God bless you all!



The Campus Ministry Team



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Concert in the Coffee House

- by Rach Steinke

A concert was held in the coffee house on Wednesday, September eleventh. It hosted local and Canadian talent and showcased some of AUC's finest talent. The show happened as a result of several issues, the first of which being political. The need to utilize the coffee house is of great importance and also it was coordinated with Professor Phil Merklinger's brother in law who was conducting a small solo tour. Professor Merklinger has had the vision of doing such a show for awhile now, yet has never had the time, until now.

This concert hosted three acts of varied styles. The first to perform was a punk group called "Disaster Project." They are composed of three men, one of which Jon Jensen, who is the lead singer and plays guitar. He attends school at here at AUC. The other members are Tyler Olafson on drums and Kristopher Olafson on the bass guitar. "The Vinyl

Three" is another local band who's members attend AUC. Steve Hansen is the piano artist, while Matthew Gusal, better known as Gus is lead vocals, as well as harmonica, guitar, and percussion. And Jeremy Wideman adds to the group with his talents on the guitar. Tom Holliston was the last performer of the evening and wowed the crowd with the simplicity of an acoustic guitar and a beautiful voice. He is also a part of the groups "NoMeansNo", which is a punk group that started nearly twenty-two years ago and the group "The Hanson Brothers" which is composed of the same people yet plays a type of music known as hockey rock. Both bands are run out of Edmonton and have toured widely. When discussing the evening with Merklinger, he stated that he was happy with the success of the show. At any given time there were no more than one hundred people and no less than fifty. "I was pleased

with the attendance!" says Merklinger. All in all, the show was a success, it hosted good attendance and good performances. He anticipates another at the end of October and hopes to continue to do one roughly every month. With a coffee house performance in the works for next month plans are formulating for who will perform. Most likely local bands will be the event and in particular one's that are connected to Augustana in some way. Much of the goal is to showcase the talents of Augustana's students, but this does not mean Phil Merklinger isn't open to new possibilities that aren't mainstream. These performances are great because it provides entertainment for student, but also because it is wonderful for the bands to get a chance to showcase their talent. It is also very important to use the coffee house space, as it is no longer in use. Be on the look-out for more information regarding another coffee house event!

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11-12pm	Alethian Landray	Greg Olson			

Here is the schedule for the AIR 89.1 Fm for the following year. This hopes to be a great year at the radio station, all the DJs are hyped to get on the air and entertain the listeners. We will be giving away a lot of prizes on the air and playing a lot of good music. Every DJ this year is going to be great to listen to. On Sunday nights listen to the Alethian Laundry. What is the difference between reality and mirage?? They will be enshrining the Whowzers from the hours of 9-12 PM on Sunday nights. Also check out the Johnny and Johnny hour on Mondays

and Wednesdays too very different Johnny's, with two very different tastes in music it's bound to be funny. Listen to my show which will be airing on **Saturdays from 1-5 PM.** Make sure to listen. I will be doing things on radio that I, and of course you have only dreamed of doing. I will give away prizes and do other very interesting things. It is still possible to be involved with the radio station. There are some empty time slots. If you are interested you can call my pager and leave a message the number is 608-1095. I will get you involved.

TRAGICALLY HIP TICKET WINNERS

Congratulations to Land Pearson and Deryk Legault who won two tickets each to see

The Tragically Hip show on Sept. 27
Hope you both had a great time!

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Increased tuition fees are widening that gap."

Catano noted the situation is particularly worrisome for graduate and professional students who continue to face massive increases. Graduate fees increased 11.1 percent from 2001-02, with the highest increase in BC at 31.2 per

cent. Law and medicine students will also face the largest fee increases in 2002-03. Average medical school fees jumped 8.1 per cent, while law school fees increased 14.7 per cent.

"This not only excludes many less wealthy students, it skews what they study," Catano said. "How are we going to attract new doctors to work in rural areas, or in public health, or go into research careers when

they will have debts in excess of \$100,000 to pay back?" Catano praised the governments of Quebec and Manitoba for limiting fee increases for 2002-03 and Newfoundland for decreasing them by 10 per cent.

Augustana's tuition has increased over the years as well, the percentages speak for themselves. Take a look and see how they've increased.

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1985 86	700.75	3.24%	\$1,898	23.09%
1986 87	734	4.74%	\$1,898	0.00%
1987 88	752.5	2.52%	\$1,978	4.21%
1988 89	765.75	1.76%	\$2,370	19.82%
1989 90	774.5	1.14%	\$2,500	5.49%
1990 91	856.75	10.62%	\$2,700	8.00%
1991 92	971.75	13.42%	\$3,106	15.04%
1992 93	1012.25	4.17%	\$3,572	15.00%
1993 94	1058.5	4.57%	\$3,929	9.99%
1994 95	975.5	-7.84%	\$4,518	14.99%
1995 96	846.75	-13.20%	\$4,834	6.99%
1996 97	769.5	-9.12%	\$4,834	0.00%
1997 98	764.75	-0.62%	\$4,600	-4.84%
1998 99	815	6.57%	\$4,600	0.00%
1999 00	854	4.79%	\$4,695	2.07%
2000 01	904	5.85%	\$4,890	4.15%
2001 02	939.5	3.93%	\$5,120	4.70%
2002 03			\$5,330	4.10%

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The Arts, As Seen By Me

- by Craig Mackie

"My friend invited me," was my explanation to the drab young woman who, with one rubber stamp of the hand, violently hurled into the undefined and unforgiving "culture of Calgary art." Me, out of place you say? Never. But as I wound my way through the opening shindig that kicked off the *Arcticy Calgary Art Festival*, I was unseeingly aware that my shoes were not black leather, my pants were too baggy, yet not baggy enough, and I had abundantly not showered that morning. Between posh sips of beer (?) and martinis- who would notice? I was just another neophyte art freak who was struggling to define the identity of this evolving scene. Right? As I wandered around looking for some shade of familiarity, I became more aware of my feeling of an outsider, one who was secretly infiltrating the ranks of some distant and foreign high embassy. Yes, I was there on a reconnaissance mission. My purpose: to figure out who these people are, why they're gazing at these abstract splashes of colour on the wall, and what is the purpose of it all??? Surely headquarters would never believe my reports; this overweight yuppie dancing to techno; this group of teeny weeny teenagers giggling in the

giant penis room; this eclectic group of students staring mesmerized at a TV on the floor, flashing scenes from an airport that would undoubtedly give anyone (not of their kind) seizures.

I can only describe these people as a collective of individuals. Indeed, it seemed that everything and anything goes as long as it's done with intention and obliviousness to the style of those around you. The artistic ends of self-discovery, self-determinism and self-examination were, if I may say so, personified in the people: the artists. To modify a quote from Nietzsche's, they were both artist and artist. Displacement from everyday life often leads one to examine the self, one's habits, and, if compounded enough, one's very culture. OK, I will admit it, I was *out of place*. But not so much so that I could not recognize my own place, and play this sort of comparison/reconnaissance game with the culture- and it certainly was a culture into which I stumbled.

In the absence of my friend, time stretched from minutes into hours and I wandered my way into the different exhibits of post-modern art, abstract art, representational art and architecture. Some mumbblings about California sunsets in front of a painting that reminded me of vomited cream of carrot soup and I

moved on. Pictures and a representative map of Alberta the size of a VW van. I'm catching what you're dropping, but is this guy beside me thinking the same thing? I moved on and realized the silence between people meant thought. Individual thought. Perspectives about what was on the walls and what was blaring from the TV, and what animals did the gloves in boxes look like; they were all different. I had no way of prying open heads and looking into brains and seeing what was jolting around in the old gray matter (an exhibit in itself I'm sure).

What did I conclude? Well, my friend clearly has no regard for punctuality, for which in the end I was grateful. What better time to study culture than amongst so many that are seemingly acutely aware that they are dictators of their own culture. The individuality, if there is such a thing in that post-modern atmosphere, to which I bore witness hinted at the many different levels of culture to be examined in order to gain some insight into who we are and how our culture works. So many people painting their own California Sunsets/Carrot Soup Puke. I am thankful that I had the opportunity to examine my own culture while having a few free beverages at the expense of another.

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INTERNATIONAL

In this section we feature some intriguing articles from a sampling of the many cultures represented here at Augustana as well as a correspondence and articles relating to the Rural Development eXchange(RDX) to Mexico

Mystery Lands

-by Janet Mwamburi

On behalf of all the international students I want to welcome both returning and new students to this 2002-2003 Academic year. I hope you had a wonderful summer and are excited to be here.

Do you ever wonder where Antigua, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Kenya or even Nepal are? Do you still think Africa is a country? Well that is what I am here for; to enlighten you about the certain cultures present in the Augustana Community.

Marriage ceremony

This week I am giving a little gossip from the coastal tribes of East Africa particularly Kenya and Tanzania. Could you imagine no bridal shower, no engagement party and no honeymoon? Well neither can I but that is how it was and still is in some communities. Right after the parents of the couple accented to the engagement, dowry ranging from an equivalent of \$ 1000-10,000 is agreed upon. The price is determined by the number of daughters in the bride's family and the level of education of the bride, so if I take myself for an example the fact I am the only daughter in my family and educated out of my country, my fiancée would have to rob a bank or be in debt for the rest of his

life. It explains why I am not yet married! Nonetheless, not all parents insist on dowry payment but it's still very insulting to have no offer! A pre-wedding party is then organized by the groom where funds for the wedding are received as well as volunteers to help with all the arrangements. It is also during this time that the groom picks his fiancée. After all the hustle and bustle the wedding takes place with over three hundred people attending, half of whom the bride and groom have no idea about. A church service is held, and thereafter traditional dancing proceeds all the way to the reception site. A wedding dance is held at the very end. If the wrong choice is made the dowry price increases by an equivalent of \$1000 first for embarrassing his bride before dozens of people and second for showing the father of the bride that he is not sure of whom he has chosen to marry which just spells trouble. That marks the beginning of your life as a married couple. A wedding ceremony in this community is not the easiest thing to go through in life and therefore to every man in love with that African woman. GOOD LUCK! You sure do need it.

Gardening on the RDX

-by Kierstin Heiberg

Twenty seeds, jumbled together, half Canadian and half Mexican.

We are both the seeds and the planters. We are here, picking rocks and tilling the soil; working to build a garden in which we can grow and flourish. With a hoe in hand, and sweat beads forming on our foreheads and rolling down past our ears, we dig a small hole in which to plant a seed.

Each of us with our own styrofoam cup, labeled with our names and placed to start growing.

Some of us are jumping in ourselves, eager smoothing

the dirt over and tamping it down firmly. Others are helping each other; carefully taking the small kernel in hand and gently placing it in the soil, then carefully on a windowsill in Stettler, waiting with the impatience of school children. For some it's not enough to wait for the seeds to grow. We are plunging our heads, like ostriches, beneath the topsoil, watching the seed unfold, learning how to use a part of ourselves to expand into a tall bean plant or a stalk of corn. For now, however, we are still seeds, encased in the soil. Our outer shell is beginning to soften as we are warmed by

the rays of laughter and singing, calling us out to dance; we are moistened by each other's tears. We will grow together, our roots seeking the same stability and nourishment, becoming intertwined beneath the soil as we both struggle for life as seeds and care for one another as gardeners. The seeds cannot be rushed. One precious day at a time, the seed consumes itself and reaches out with roots into the dark soil, and we, with our heads beneath the surface, carefully examine each stage of growth, drawing diagrams, committing them to memory, and trying to understand why.



The latest group of students to go to Mexico at The Work Project at The Heartland Youth Centre



A glimpse of some of the scenery in Mexico



A Mexican cultural presentation

Becoming Human

Andrea Godziak with her host family in Mexico.

-by Andrea Godziak

Imagine having your classroom under a fruit tree, on top of a mountain, in a hospital, on a dairy farm, on an organic farm, on a hike, in an elementary school. Imagine using the people around as your resources and not books. Imagine living with a person from another country for eight months. Imagine a family inviting you into their home for four months. Imagine...this could be you. The most important and memorable year of my life was last year. I was a participant on the Alberta/Mexico Rural Development Exchange. It was the experience of a lifetime. Now, I am not writing this article to convince you to go on the exchange, I am simply sharing my experience with you and sharing with you what I learned in one year and what I am still learning. One year of education that a university can never teach you. To keep this article short, I will explain the most important thing that I learned. It wasn't how to make or keep a community sustainable, or how to analyze a community. Now, knowing how to make a community sustainable and how to analyze a community

are important, but in the end, don't really matter. I learned and am still learning what it means to be human. That is a bold statement to make I know, but, it is a statement that I think a lot of us can't answer. Before going on the exchange I was so caught up in my own world. I was in a bubble. The exchange popped my bubble. Through working at Alberta Hospital Ponoka, I learned what it is like to live with a mental illness. Some of the people who most touched my life are patients at that hospital. They taught me incredible strength and an amazing joy for life. I learned about the struggle for identity a small town goes through.

I learned how strong a small town community is. I lived through a Mexican village losing its town doctor, and the fight the community gave to bring their doctor back. I lived with two amazing families in Canada and Mexico who opened their doors to me and accepted me as one of their own.

I washed my clothes on the rocks and bucket bathed. I lived in a village where clean water wasn't always accessible, where I had to be accompanied by a male af-

ter dark, where no one spoke my language.

My homework was to attend fiestas, learn how to dance, learn how to make tortillas, to hike in the mountains and find tea leaves and to play basketball with the children of the community.

A girl from another Canada World Youth Exchange wrote this, and it holds true for me:

"The things we learned cannot be calculated in terms of percentages or marks. They are, in fact, reflected in the new behaviors and attitudes we have adopted and in our greater openness to differences. During this trip, each of us found elements that transformed us and that opened a window on the world." The most important lessons I learned last year were not from a textbook, rather, they were from people. People sharing their lives with me.

If you would like more information on the exchange, attend the Amigo Fiesta Dinner and Extravaganza on October 3, 2002. This is an evening of Mexican food and entertainment where participants will be introduced. Come...and imagine.



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SPORTS

- by Craig Mackie

Vikings Men's Hockey has not been cut and their home opener is on October 12th at 8:00pm against Red Deer College. They lost their first two exhibition games, one in a tight overtime battle against Grant MacEwan. Although the nice guy defenseman Carl Gartly graduated last year, they still have Lonnie and he is a babe. The Women's Basketball team is looking fine in their new orange practice jerseys, and the men are looking just as fine in their, uh, black and white ones. Check out some exhibition games and get that Woodward girl to jam. Volleyball is pretty fun. I think our teams are going to win yet another title this year. With some good height at the net a great base line, their bump-set-spike strategy

checks in the old W column. Catch the season now cause it's not gonna last till spring, 'er something.

With a massive biathlon team this year and some international competitors in the good-times- happy sport of skiing and shooting there should be some domination on the trials for this team. They're for sure going to win the University Cup this year cause the only other competitor dropped out. Their Nordic sister sport of skiing is also thriving with young talent. They all hope that Meno Boeman recovers quickly from knee surgery! Come cheer both teams on at the Camrose X-country running race on the? Our curlers are in great shape. They're getting lean with their fall training program. I know nothing about curling.

- by Chelsea and Tanya Thompson and Amanda Brade Sports have already kicked off this year. The basketball, volleyball, curling, and cross-country teams have set off. The cross-country team has already participated in the Tiger Gold Stick Park meet. Tanya Thompson, an athlete from the cross-country team talks about the meet: "It was a great warm-up race for the season. We got a chance to see out competitors for this year." Amanda Brade, an athlete on the curling team has some thoughts on their

season: "We're starting off with cardio activities and next week we'll get into the real stuff for curling. I'm quite excited." Jordan Abel, a starter guard on the men's basketball team is overly excited for the future outlook of the team, "We have great leaders to look up to and we are ready to work as a team." This year is looking like a promising, one and I know all the teams are looking forward to the anticipated crowd support from Augustana students.

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"A New Day"

Amidst the rubble of a seemingly endless night,
A ray of light pokes through the cloud of sadness.
The golden ray is brave enough to shine brighter,
To make an imprint on our hearts, minds and souls.
Everyone knows that this marks the beginning
They know that they are going somewhere new.
The light will give them strength to go on.
Peace will fill the land forever.
At the end of the day, the sun will go down.
As it rises again, it will be a legend.

I wrote this poem long before September the 11th of 2001, but it really seemed to tie in with what happened only one year ago. What I had originally wrote it for was a book that I had read, which had really moved me at the end. Since the situation can be applicable to many things, I will explain what it means to me. That does not mean that my meaning is necessarily right, I would like to think of it as open to interpretation.

The meaning that I am trying to convey is that sometimes events happen in our lives and we wonder how fate could be so cruel. It seems as if the sadness will never subside and therefore, we start to lose hope. All of us need someone or something to depend on, to be our "ray of light," and our hope. The whole world watched and lent all of the support and sympathy that they could. They became the victims and their families hope. One of the most important things that we can do now is to retain the events, because then we will never forget the lessons which we learned. In addition, we should remember that there will always be people to lend us a hand when we are lost in the dark.

*"Goats are friendly. You can talk with them.
...[G]oats come up very quickly and brush
against you, as if to say, 'Isn't life good?'"*

-Carl Sandburg, American poet and goatkeeper (1878-1967)

Taken from *The Old Farmer's Almanac 2003*

In The Rain.

By Lana Driedger

Here I walk in the rain

The cool water washes

Over me.

I find myself thinking

Of my childhood

Flooding my thoughts.

I used to go out

To dance in the rain

To find joy in it's falling

I would jump I in the puddles

With the purest delight

Of innocence.

Now I have grown

And my thoughts turn

To the changes before me

I watch the news

Instead of the rain

I sit, no longer dance.

I don't find laughter

Yet...

Splash!

Maybe there's

hope.

Nothing- What is Nothing?

A state of nothingness is something that the human mind cannot comprehend. Blackness is what the mind imagines as nothingness, but really, even black is something. Being what comes from the soul combination of all colors. (Unless you include light but we will stick with the colors you can touch and create.) Nothing however must reflect something, because Nothing was there, it just has nothing that is its own. Nothing has no color, or texture, or smell, or sound, or flavor. It merely is Nothing. Yet it is there. Mirrors are Nothing. They can only reflect - never projecting their own image. Nothing could be seen as endless mirrors, never reflecting Something. Mirrors with nothing to reflect. Yet Mirrors are something but their reflections are not. Making reflections Nothing and Mirrors more perportional to that something. Yet a reflection is Something because it has the ability to falsify objects. False reflections. What is Nothingness? Nothingness is Something in the simple fact that there is Nothing there. Thus making an absense of something still something else? Could this be Nothing? Could you be Nothing? What is Nothing? Transcended: I've discovered the night feelings I didn't know I'd had They seemed to solidify my mental state And make me believe I'm more then a useless being Only here to be a slave to master Even if this really isn't happening. Even if the memory is untrue. Even if you deny words and actions it doesn't matter. A god and his creation were made equals.

Darwin Awards

Yes, the one we've all been waiting for ... the Darwin Award 2002. The candidates have finally been released! For those not familiar with the Darwin Award, it's an annual honor given to the person who provided the Universal human gene pool the biggest service by getting **KILLED** in the most extraordinarily stupid way. As always, competition this year has been keen again. Some candidates appear to have trained their whole lives for this event!

RUNNER UP TACOMA, WA - Kerry Bingham, had been drinking with several friends when one of them said they knew a person who had bungee-jumped from the Tacoma Narrows Bridge in the middle of traffic. The conversation grew more heated and at least 10 men trooped along the walkway of the bridge at 4:30 am. Upon arrival at the midpoint of the bridge they discovered that no one had brought a bungee rope. Bingham, who had continued drinking, volunteered and pointed out that a coil of lineman's cable lay nearby. One end of the cable was secured around Bingham's leg and the other end was tied to the bridge. His fall lasted 40 feet before the cable tightened and tore his foot off at the ankle. He miraculously survived his fall into the icy river water and was rescued by two nearby fishermen. "All I can say," said Bingham, "is that God was watching out for me on that night. There's just no other explanation for it." Bingham's foot was never located.

AND THE WINNER... PADERBORN, GERMANY - Overzealous zookeeper Friedrich Riesfeldt fed his constipated elephant Stefan 22 doses of animal laxative and more than a bushel of berries, figs and prunes before the plugged-up pachyderm finally let it fly, and suffocated the keeper under 200 pounds of poop! Investigators say ill-fated Friedrich, 46, was attempting to give the ailing elephant an olive oil enema when the relieved beast unloaded on him. "The sheer force of the elephant's unexpected defecation knocked Mr. Riesfeldt to the ground, where he struck his head on a rock and lay unconscious as the elephant continued to evacuate his bowels on top of him," said flabbergasted Paderborn police detective Erik Dern. "With no one there to help him, he lay under all that dung for at least an hour before a watchman came along, and during that time he suffocated. It seems to be just one of those freak accidents that happen."

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Taurus (Apr 20-May 20) Don't steal your best friend's parent's car when neither you nor he have a license and crash it into two trees. Even though it has airbags and makes a great story, they'll probably charge you with grand-theft-auto.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Don't try to date Land Pearson. Although he is flexible in ways that a human being should not be capable of, he is an Aries and you just don't belong together.

Cancer (Jun 22-July 22) Don't get cancer.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22) Don't put a cherry tomato in your cheek and let your friend punch you in the face. It's messy and it hurts.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22) Don't watch the movie Teen Wolf then grow facial hair and play basketball cause you don't have the powers of an actual Teen Wolf and you'll never have a girlfriend as hot as Boof.

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22) Don't get all drunk on your birthday and fall asleep in a farmer's field cause they're probably harvesting and you'll be chopped to shite.

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21) Don't cancel women's hockey and paint the gym doors green.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21) Don't not punch your friend in the face if they have a cherry tomato in their cheek. It's messy and it's fun.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19) Don't think you're getting a horror scope.

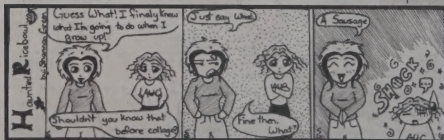
Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18) Don't play women's hockey at Augustana

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20) Don't let that fart go if you're unsure whether it's a fart or poop cause with your luck you'll crap your pants.

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Comics...???



Sausages can make people cry

Going along with this little sausage humor I thought I'd pass this little anecdote along:
I had a coach from Ukraine and he was a harsh dude but his communication skills were rather underdeveloped in the English language. At a December training-camp he became frustrated with my best friend on the team and his lack of ability to go fast on skis. My friend had a particular body type that made him less lean than a green bean regardless of the amount of training logged.

One night, being the birthday night of my friend, my coach displayed one of his more shinning moments of lecture and rage and said to my friend, "You no athlete, you sausage!" If there is such a way, this was a rather humorous one of telling someone they are fat. That was the last year my friend did biathlon and from then on morphed in to a late-blooming "pot head." He also cried himself to sleep on that sausage birthday. It's sad, but true. Moral: be careful whom you call a sausage they may revert to a life of drugs.

TOP TEN CONTEST

I propose a contest. Let's say that the Dag office hypothetically smelled of farm animal or dog. Can you come up with any ways by which such a smell could be masked or obliterated? I can, and it just so happens that they coincide with my top ten uses or "modes of disposal" for Cheeze Whiz.

10. Cook red snapper. This is a very smelly fish and Cheeze Whiz clearly adds personality.

9. Red-necks love Cheeze Whiz. I love neither red-necks nor cheeze whiz- nor do I like red snapper. Red-necks dislike red snapper. Red-necks like animals. The office smells of animals. It works.

8. Breast implants.

7. Universal (smell) lubricant.

6. Bingo dabber.

5. Iced Whiz lollies.

4. Fire retardant.

3. Dog food. (disregard)

2. Defunct women's hockey team minus the cheeze whiz.

1. Mace.

You should really worry if you understood or found any humour in anything you just read...We blame the SA.

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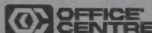
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Dear Crabby



*It's not great
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Dear Crabby,
One of my best friends is leaving for the Mexico exchange trip soon. It is my last year here at Augustana and I won't get to see her again for a very long time. Possibly not ever! What can I do to get her to stay?
Ronning Girl

Dear *Ronning Girl*,
You're going to need some basic supplies first. Get some duct tape (naturally), three Valium, an apocathary bowl, some sort of non-alcoholic beverage, and a harmonica. Grind the Valium into a fine powder using the apocathary bowl and stir the power vigilantly into the non-alcoholic beverage. Give the beverage to the friend in question. When your friend has fallen asleep lock the gullible dumb-ass in your bathroom or a utility closet until the Mexico exchange group has left without them. Be sure to leave the har-

monica in the makeshift prison for your friend to play.

Dear Crabby,
I tried something new with my boyfriend and now I have a rash on my bum. What do I do?
Afraid to sit.

Dear *Blister Butt*,
Talk to Dr. Sue Johansen. I don't know or want anything to do with your bum.

Dear Crabby,
It's been over three years since I've dated. How can I pick up my hopeless love life?
Anonymous

Dear *Tia Elliot - Hall Coordinator of Freshmen (608-2923)*,
I don't know. I guess it is just a matter of making yourself open and letting people know you are available.

Dear Crabby,
Since the events of September 11th all of our lives have changed in a profound way. What is a young lover of freedom to do in the face of such devastation and uncertainty since the attack of 9/11? *For the love of the greatest nation on Earth.*

Dear *For the love of the greatest nation on Earth*,
Shut up!
Questions for "Dear Crabby" can be submitted in the Dagligtale office, or on-line:
(dearcrabby@hotmail.com)

And in other budget cuts...

...and in other budget cuts, North Hall was jointly leased to the U of A department of Physics and department of Architecture to study the structural phenomenology of ancient stucco. In an interview with an unnamable administrative source, "those suckers may have a financially viable school but we have a structurally undestructable office building that will last us forever!! Ah ha, ha ha ha ha ha ha (maniacal laughter)."

...and in other budget cuts, a last ditched bid by the Alberta Gaming Association to turn Old Main into "Uncle Dick's Wacky Gambling Emporium and Ultimate Fighting Arena" was defeated by the Board of Regents on the grounds that "it would jeopardize the large financial backing AUC receives from the Lutheran Church."

...and in other budget cuts, the Augustana freshman circle has miraculously been paved.

...and in other budget cuts, the bells of the AUC bell tower that once proudly adorned the Faith and Life building have reportedly been sold at auction for prices ranging from 1.35\$ to .85\$ a piece. Comments from administration? "Times are tough and, uh, we needed the money." "Auctions are fun," "Hey, I bought one for a buck ten!" and, "the financial cost of maintaining the bells was too much. We only cut the things that were expendable."

...and in other budget cuts, the gym doors were painted green cause it's cheaper.

...and in other budget cuts, students were reportedly given pamphlets discouraging them from going to class, reasoning that clearly teachers could be paid less if they taught fewer students, right? Aren't profs volunteer positions anyways?

...and in other budget cuts, President Husfloen was forced to move out of his luxurious close to Augustana condo and lease a desolate plot of land in northern Alberta that this tree planter apparently peed on. When asked if the move had disrupted or lessened his ability to be president of Augustana, an always-optimistic Husfloen quipped, "It's a heck of a walk every morning but it keeps me in shape!"



Censored:

To the eight year old girl who stole the tassels off my bike while in front freshman, I hope you enjoy them your childish little bitch. My favorite dying uncle gave them to me and as his last request I swore that I would keep them on my bike for the rest of my life. They have been in my family since the Crimean Wars where my great great great Grandmother posed as a man and fought in the Greek army and brought them back as war booty. Don't worry, my friend Kajsa made me some new ones out of Co-Op shopping bags. Thanks Kajsa.



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**I blame the Administration for the
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Do you know who this student is? Here's a clue: he is the longest running full-time student to grace Augustana as he enters his seventh year of study. And this is all he has to show for it... If you know the answer, stop by The Dagligtale office (F205) to claim your prize!